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X-MEN: CRIMSON DAWN



Mutants by birth, they were brought together by inner-change and tragedy. Now, their love faces its greatest test, and one of them stands on the precipice of the *ultimate* transformation. They are Psylocke and Archangel!



ARCHANGEL

a.k.a. Warren Worthington, Archangel faces the dual lifestyle of millionaire playboy and high-flying mutant. Recently, the metallic wings granted him by Apocalypse molted, revealing his original feathered wings underneath. As he reaches a crux point in the direction of his life, he must now question the love he shares with Psylocke.



PSYLOCKE

a.k.a. Betsy Braddock, Psylocke possesses strong telepathic powers and the ability to create psychic "knives" with which to stun and even injure opponents. Having survived being mauled at the hands of Sabretooth, she was cured by the magical powers of the Crimson Dawn. But recently that cure has had an unfortunate effect, slowly wiping away her existing personality.



GOMURR

An adept in the ways of the Crimson Dawn with a penchant for being an eccentric. Little else about him is known.



TAR

Proctor of the Crimson Dawn, and past rival of Gommurr. They have been known to put aside their differences when the need arises.



PREVIOUSLY...

When Psylocke was mortally wounded at the hands of Sabretooth, Archangel and Wolverine (along with Gommur and Dr. Strange, sorcerer supreme) traveled to a mystical realm known as the Crimson Dawn to save her.



Here, they fought great battles while searching for a mystical elixir called the Ebon Vein.



Returning victorious, Archangel administered the life-giving elixir to Psylocke, saving her life. But there was a price...



NEW YORK
CITY.
SPECIFICALLY
CHINATOWN.

PSYLOCKE
Stan Lee
AND ARCHANGEL

MIDNIGHT.

THE WITCHING
HOUR.

BEFORE THE BREAK OF DAWN

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FIGHT THE
P-P-PAIN...
RESIST THE
F-F-FEAR...

...KEEP
M-M-MOVING
AT ALL
COSTS!

~HUFF...
HUFF... HUFF...
HUFF~

HE
MUSN'T
F-F-FIND
ME!

SHOULD
I F-FAIL...

...ALL
WILL BE
L-LOST!

SNAP

TO ME,
MY MYSTIC
SERVANTS...

...YOUR
MASTER, TAR,
HAS DIRE NEED
OF YOU THIS
NIGHT!

**TK TK
TK TK**

NOW,
GO -- EH?
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?

**TK TK
SHUNK**

AHH,
YES --
FAITHFUL
AS EVER!

I COMMAND
YOU, SCOUR THIS
METROPOLIS FOR THAT
DETESTABLE DWARF --
GOMURR THE
ANCIENT!

TELL HIM
THAT A GREAT
AND TERRIBLE EVIL
HAS BEEN LOOSED
UPON THIS
WORLD!

AARGH!!

**TK TK
SHUNK**

WHY,
CHILDREN? WHY DO
YOU ATTACK YOUR
MASTER?

**TK
SHUNK**

PERHAPS
IT IS BECAUSE
YOU WERE NEVER
THEIR TRUE
MASTER...

THE
DAWN PROTECT
ME --

-- THIS
CANNOT
BE!



YOU
INVOKE A MYSTICAL
POWER WHICH IS NO
LONGER YOURS TO
CLAIM. **PROCTOR**
TAP.

YOUR
TIME AS CUSTODIAN
TO THE ANCIENT
MYSTERIES OF THE
CRIMSON DAWN IS
DONE!

FOR A
NEW DAWN
BREAKS THIS
DAY...



...AND I,
KURAGARI.
SHALL BE ITS
MASTER!



IN ERMWHILE, HIGH
ABOVE THE HORROR...



IT'S
SO QUIET UP
HERE... SO
PERFECT.



THIS IS WARREN
WORTHINGTON, III.

BORN BLESSED AS THE SOLE
HEIR TO ONE OF AMERICA'S
OLDEST FAMILY FORTUNES...

... HE ALSO FOUND HIMSELF
CURSED AS A MEMBER OF A
PERSECUTED RACE CALLED
MUTANTS.

THOUGH HE SOUGHT REFUGE
IN THE RANK OF THE OUTLAW
MUTANT GROUP, THE X-MEN...

... HE HAS YET TO ESCAPE
THE RELENTLESS SPECTRE OF
HUMAN PREJUDICE...

© ARCHANGEL REVERTED TO HIS
ORIGINAL MOTIVATION BY UNCOVERING
X-MEN 329 MOTING MAT

NOT THAT
HE CARES.

DESPITE
THE BRAIN AND
THE OCCASIONAL
"DIE, MUTIE
SCUM!" --

-- I
JUST COULDN'T
RESIST TAKING A
SHORTCUT HOME
TO THE SOHO
LOFT.

BEEN SO BUSY
DEALING WITH STUFFY
"WORTHINGTON FAMILY
MATTERS" --

-- I'VE
HARDLY SEEN
BETSY ALL
WEEK --

I'M
HOME -- OH,
LOVE OF MY
LIFE!

HE-LLLO!

WOOSH

HMM,
THIS IS
WEIRD.

I
THOUGHT
PSYLOCKE WOULD
BE HOME BY
NOW...





I... NO.

I... CAN'T GO.

WHAT? YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS FOR MONTHS!



I CAN'T FACE THE WORLD. I CAN'T FACE REALITY NOT YET.



BETTS --

-- I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN KIND OF FREAKED OUT LATELY SINCE THE "ACCIDENT" AND ALL --

-- BUT I WANT TO HELP THROUGH THIS --



-- JUST LIKE YOU HELPED ME THROUGH MY ORdeal.

IF YOU WANT TO HELP ME, WARREN...



... THEN LEAVE ME ALONE!

SHE WAS ALMOST HER OLD SELF THERE FOR A MINUTE...

... IF ONLY SHE'D COME BACK FOR GOOD.

CHINATOWN, LATER
THAT NIGHT...

SWEET
SWEET
SWEET

MUM
DEE DUM
DEE DUM
DUM

HOW
GOOD IT
IS TO BE
INTANGIBLE!

THESE
"UMBRELLAS" TURN
PEOPLE INTO
IDIOTS!

NO
ONE LOOKS
WHERE THEY'RE
GOING... STUPID
THINGS KEEP
POKING YOU IN
THE EYE --

**BWA
WAAAAA
WAAA!**

I CRACK
MYSELF UP --
EHP?

-- WHAT WAS
THAT?!

FELT
LIKE SOMEONE
STEPPED ON
MY GRAVE!

Hmp.

IF THE
SHIVERING HACKLES
ON THE BACK OF
MY NECK ARE ANY
INDICATION --

-- SOME
SERIOUS
STRANGENESS
IS AFOOT THIS
NIGHT!

FZASH

OTHERWISE
MY NAME ISN'T
GOOMER
THE --

FZASH

-- ANCIENT...?

BY MY
ANCESTORS,
TAR --
-- WHAT
HAS HAPPENED
TO YOU?!

THE DAWN... IS BREAKING!
--KOFF KOFF-- HE CAME
THROUGH!

I... TRIED
TO... ESCAPE --
BUT HE TRACKED
ME... DOWN.

HE...
HUNTED ME...
LIKE... A DOG --
--HAK
HAK--

AND HE...
WILL COME...
FOR YOU --
GAHHH!
NEXT.

"HE" WHO,
TAR? WHO IS
COMING?!

KURAGARI...

"KURAGARI..."

IS SUCH
A THING
POSSIBLE?!

COULD
THE BEAST HAVE
RISEN FROM
THE SHADOWS
ANEW?

AND
IF HE
HAS...



"... WILL THE TROUBLED COUPLE
BE ENOUGH TO STOP HIM?"

WHAT
WAS IT MOM
USED TO SAY
TO ME AS A
KID..?

"SOME
PEOPLE DON'T
HAVE SENSE
ENOUGH TO
COME IN OUT OF
THE RAIN."

FUNNY
HOW TRUE
THAT IS
LATELY.

EVER
SINCE BETSY AND
I *GOT TOGETHER,* IT
SEEMS LIKE ITS BEEN
ONE UNPREDICTABLE
THUNDERSTORM
AFTER
ANOTHER.

AND LATELY
SHE'S BECOME SO
COLD... DISTANT...
I CAN'T SHAKE
THE FEELING--

-- I'M THE
ONE WHO'S
GONNA END UP
DRENCHED!

AND AS ANGEL
PONDER'S THE
CLIMATE OF THEIR
TEMPESTUOUS
RELATIONSHIP...



... PSYLOCKE TURNS HER
THOUGHTS -- HER PSIONIC
ABILITIES -- INWARD...

... SEARCHING FOR THE CALM
WITHIN THE EYE OF HER OWN
PERSONAL STORM.

BEING
A TELEPATH
IS HARD
ENOUGH --
-- WITHOUT
TRYING TO HOLD
BACK WHATEVER'S
GOING ON
INSIDE ME!



THEN
WHY
RESIST.
NINJA
GIRL?

YOUR
TIME HAS
COME...



THAT
VOICE --
WHERE IS IT
COMING
FROM?

THERE --
BEHIND THE
PAPER
SCREEN!



LUNGING THROUGH
THE EPHEMERAL
SHADOW...

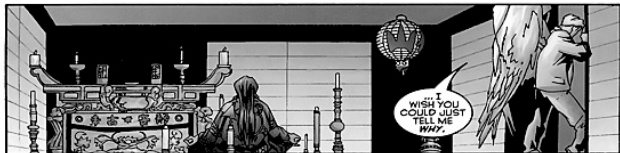
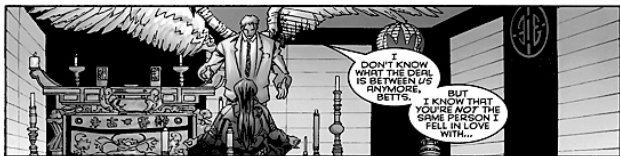
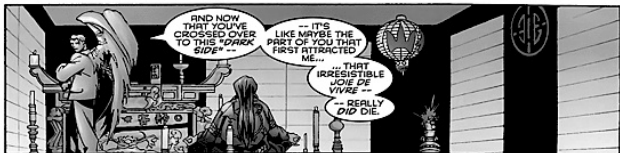
... PSYLOCKE
MELTS INTO
THE DARKNESS
ON ONE SIDE
OF THE WALL...

WHOOSH











SEWHERE...

... WITHIN A STYGIAN
REALM HIDDEN SOME-
WHERE BETWEEN THE
SHADOWS OF OUR
WORLD...

... STANDS THE IMPERIAL
SEAT OF ARCAINE POWER
BELONGING TO THE NEWLY
SELF-APPOINTED PROCTOR
OF THE CRIMSON DAWN...



THE DREADED
"SHOGUN OF THE
SHADOWS"...

... KURAGARI.

THE
CYCLE PROCEEDS
APACE.

MY
"DRAGONS" HAVE
ERODED ENOUGH OF THE
BARRIER BETWEEN THIS
AND THE EARTH WORLD
FOR MY CAMPAIGN OF
CONQUEST TO
BEGIN.

MY
PREDECESSOR,
TAR, IS NO MORE.
HIS SEAT OF
POWER IS NOW
MINE...

...ALL
THAT REMAINS
IS THE NINJA
GIRL.



SHE
YET TEETERS
DANGEROUSLY CLOSE
TO THE PRECIPICE
OF INSANITY...

A
DIRECT RESULT
OF THE MIXTURE OF HER
LIFE FORCE WITH THE
MYSTICAL ESSENCE OF THE
CRIMSON DAWN.

A
SIMPLE TAP
SHOULD BE ALL
THAT IS NECESSARY
TO PUSH HER
OVER THE
EDGE...

AND
INTO THE
ABYSS!

UNDERCLOAK'S
ATTEND ME!



THE
TIME HAS COME
FOR THE HUMAN
CALLED PSYLOCKE TO
JOIN YOUR RANKS.
MY SHADOW
WARRIORS.



PRESENT
THIS TO HER, AS
A GIFT...

...FROM
AN ADMIRER
OF HER EXQUISITE,
DARKLING
BEAUTY.



WE SHALL
NOT FAIL YOU,
SENSEI.



SEE
THAT YOU
DON'T.

SOHO.

SOMETHING DANGEROUS IS HAPPENING TO BETSY.

IT'S LIKE THE CRIMSON DAWN TURNED HER INTO A DIFFERENT PERSON.

IF ONLY I KNEW WHERE TO TURN...

LOVE MAY BE A MANY SPLENDORED THING, BUT --

-- BUT IT HURTS LIKE HELL WHEN IT KICKS YA IN THE GUT, DON'T IT?

WOLVERINE?

HOW DID YOU GET PAST OUR SECURITY SYSTEM -- UNDETECTED?

AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ANYWAY?

AFTER WHAT SHE'S BEEN THROUGH, YA CAN'T EXPECT EVERYTHING T'SUDDENLY BE WINE 'N' ROSES ALL OVER AGAIN.

BETSY AIN'T THE SAME GAL WHOSE LIFE WE SAVED A COUPLE MONTHS BACK.

AND T'B HONEST, NEITHER ARE YOU...

YEAH, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT --

FIRST OF ALL, I GOT MY WAYS.

SECOND... SEEM' AS HOW WE'RE ALMOST NEIGHBORS DOWN HERE...

...I FIGURED I'D POP IN AN' MAKE SURE EVERYTHING'S JAKE WITH BETSY --

-- AND WARN YA THAT I WOULDN'T PUSH HER IF I WERE YOU, WINGS.

● WOLVERINE RECENTLY MOVED TO THE 832 APPLE'S LOUR'S EAST SIDE. RATT-HATTAN

"... I'M A FAR CRY FROM
THE BOY I WAS WHEN I
FIRST CAME TO XAVIER'S.

"EVER SINCE THE DAY
I JOINED THE X-MEN...

"... MY LIFE -- BOTH PERSONAL
AND PROFESSIONAL --
HAS BEEN IN A CONSTANT
STATE OF FLUX.

"WHETHER IT WAS
X-FACTOR, THE
CHAMPIONS OR
EVEN THE
DEFENDERS...

"... I DEFINED MYSELF
ACCORDING TO THE
COMPANY I KEPT.

"I WAS SO CONFUSED
ABOUT WHO -- OR
WHAT -- I WAS
WHEN I INJURED
MY WINGS...."

"EVEN SELL MY
SOUL TO THAT
DEVIL, APOCALYPSE,
SO THAT I MIGHT
BECOME HIS
ARCHANGEL OF DEATH."

"... I WOULD HAVE DONE
ANYTHING TO FINALLY
DEFINE MYSELF AS AN
INDIVIDUAL..

"OF COURSE, YOU
KNOW WHAT THEY
SAY ABOUT 20/20
HINDSIGHT.

"BUT JUST WHEN I WAS
COMING TO TERMS
WITH THAT MISTAKE...

"... FATE -- OR
APOCALYPSE,
I'M REALLY
NOT SURE
WHICH --

"... DEALT ME YET
ANOTHER SURPRISE...

"... WHEN THE ORGANIC
STEEL IMPLANTS MOLDED,
AND MY ORIGINAL WINGS
GREW BACK."

"BUT THROUGH IT ALL
I HAD PEOPLE I COULD
TURN TO... PEOPLE TO
HELP ME HEAL..."

"-- SO
WHY CAN'T
BETSY DO THE
SAME?"

'CUZ SHE AIN'T YOU. THAT'S WHY.

SHE KNEW EXACTLY WHO SHE WAS, AND WHO SHE WANTED T.B.E....

...AN' THAT GOT TAKEN AWAY FROM HER WITHOUT HER SAY-SO.

"SURE, SHE WAS RAISED A GENTEEL BRITISH GAL..."

"...BUT THAT WASN'T ENOUGH. BETSY WANTED TA SQUEEZE AS MUCH OUT O' LIFE AS SHE SAW HER BROTHER, BRIAN DOING AS CAPTAIN BRITAIN.

"SHE HOOKED UP WITH THE X-MEN JUST IN TIME T'HAVE IT COME CRASHING DOWN WHEN WE STEPPED THROUGH THE SIEGE PERILOUS PORTAL."

"AND INSTEAD O'GIVIN' BETSY A FRESH START AT LIFE LIKE IT WAS SUPPOSED TO..."

"...IT TURNED HER LIFE INTO A LIVIN' NIGHTMARE!"

"HER MIND TRAPPED IN THE BODY OF A NINJA ASSASSIN..."

"...YOU COULD SAY SHE GOT WHAT SHE WANTED... IN A TWISTED KINDA WAY."

"STILL, THE KID PLAYED THE CRAPPY HAND SHE WAS DEALT LIKE A REAL TROOPER..."

"... ONLY T'HAVE THAT TAKEN AWAY FROM HER BY SABRETOOTH."

"IF NOT F'R THE TWO O'US PUTTIN' ASIDE OUR DIFFERENCES AND JOURNEYIN' INTO THE UNKNOWN..."

"... IN SEARCH OF THAT LIVE-GIVING ELIXIR, THE EBON VEIN..."

"... THAT POOR GIRL WOULD HAVE LOST A HECKUVA LOT MORE THAT DAY,

"SO NOW SHE'S GOTTA HEAL IN HER OWN WAY."

LOOK, BUB -- NO ONE ELSE
CAN TELL YOU WHEN
THINGS ARE GOIN'
SOUR.

ONLY THE TWO
O'YOU CAN KNOW
THAT --

-- BUT
YOU GOTTA
TAKE THE CHANCE
THAT THIS MIGHT
NOT BE ABOUT YOU.

MAYBE SCOTT AND
JEAN ALWAYS KNEW
THEY WERE RIGHT FOR
EACH OTHER.

ME AND
BETSY? I'M
NOT SO SURE
ANYMORE.

GOTTA
TELL YA, HALF-
PINT -- SOMETIMES
I REALLY ENY?
THOSE TWO.

I... KNOW
WHATCHA
MEAN.

THANKS, LOGAN. I
APPRECIATE THE
PEP TALK.

C'MON,
I'LL GIVE
YOU A LIFT
HOME.

YEAH,
WELL --



-- I KNOW
WE'VE HAD OUR
DIFFERENCES IN
THE PAST --

-- BUT I
AIN'T ALWAYS
BEEN ONE T'BELIEVE
THAT FENCES
MAKE F'R GOOD
NEIGHBORS.

THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING...
TEN MINUTES LATER.

IT TOOK
ME A LONG TIME
TO ACCEPT THAT
SAWED-OFF
CANUCKLEHEAD,
BUT I MUST
CONFESS --

-- LOGAN
IS ONE
STAND-UP
GUY.

... MAYBE
HE'S RIGHT.
MAYBE BETSY
JUST NEEDS
SOME TIME
TO HEAL.



SO WHY DOES
MY HEART TELL
ME THERE'S
MORE TO IT
THAN THAT?

MAYBE
OUR TIMING'S
OFF.



Hmp. FIGURES, RIGHT
WHEN I FINALLY START
FINDING MY WAY BACK
TO REALITY --



-- MY
GIRLFRIEND'S
COMPLETELY
LOSING HER
GRIP ON
IT.



IF SHE
NOSEDIVES OFF
THE DEEP END --
AND THINGS JUST
DON'T GET ANY
BETTER --



"--- WILL MY
SUPPORT BE
ENOUGH TO CATCH
HER?."

COMPUTER ---
RUN BRADDOCK
SOLID LIGHT HOLO-
SIMULATION "DELTA
OMICRON UPSILON
GAMMA" ---

THIS IS IT,
ELISABETH ---

--- THE
ULTIMATE TEST
OF WHETHER OR NOT
THERE'S A SHRED
OF HUMANITY LEFT
INSIDE YOU.



BACK
FOR MORE ---
88, LITTLE
GIRL?

SLAYMASTER!
THE ROGUE WHO
BLINDED ME ALL
THOSE YEARS
AGO!%

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RATY



MAYBE
THIS TIME
I'LL TAKE YOUR
HEART AS WELL
AS YOUR ---
ARRRGH!

NOT
BLOODY
LIKELY!

BZZT



THEN PERHAPS
A TRIP TO SPIRAL'S
BODY SHOPPE IS IN
ORDER FOR YOU,
PSI-WITCH?



I CAN MAKE THE
UGLY ENGLISH
DUCKLING SO
PRETTY -
PRETTY!

YOU
OWE ME
DOUBLE FOR
RUINING MY
LIFE, TIME-
DANCER!

WHOOOSH!



WHEE!

IF ONLY
YOU WERE
THE REAL
THING...

BZZT



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FORGET
YOU, VAIN
ONE?
FZASH!



I COULD SOONER
FORGET MY
OWN NAME.
AND THAT
NAME IS NOT
KWANNON --



IT'S
ELISABETH!
FZASH
YEARCH!



NEED -HUFF HUFF-
ANOTHER TARGET.
CAN'T STOP
NOW.
IS THAT
REALLY YOU,
BETSY?
YES!
PREPARE TO
D--



D-DOUGLAS
RAMSEY...?
Y-YOU'RE
NOT
GONNA KILL
ME... ARE
YOU?
I
WAS YOUR
FRIEND.
I LOVED
YOU.



NO.

Oh,
DOUG --
I --

-- WHAT
IS WRONG
WITH ME?

I WAS
READY TO
KILL WITHOUT
THINKING!

DEAR
GOD...

... WHAT'S
HAPPENED TO
ME?

WHAT
HAVE I
BECOME?

REJOICE
AND FEAR NOT,
SWEET SHADOW
SISTER...

... FOR
YOU HAVE
"BECOME" ONE
OF US!

TO BE CONTINUED!

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SPIDER-MAN continues his struggle against **DEATHBLOK** to save the course of history! By **SCOTT LOBBELL**, **MINDY NEWELL**, **NGHIA LAM** and **ALMIC PAINTBRUSH**

ITEM! Boy, these new-fangled gatefold covers on all of our titles have turned out to be a real blessing! We're still waiting to hear what you folks think of them, of course, but around here, well, you wouldn't believe all the gasps of wonder and shock coming from the mouths of your loyal Bullpeners! These gatefold covers, which provide cast descriptions and a recap of what's been going on in each title, have staggered our staff with their informational value! Our most freckle-faced editor, **X-MAN's** jumpin' **JAYE GARDNER**, was heard to declare, "Oh, so **NATE GREY** comes from an alternate reality!" Our least health-conscious editor, **Trampin' TOM BREVOORT**, he of **THUNDERBOLTS** fame, exclaimed, "Wow! So they're really the **MASTERS OF EVIL**?" And our least likely editor, **Riotous RALPH MACCHIO** of the **SPIDER-MAN** line, awoke from his afternoon nap and mumbled, "Which one is the clone again, Peter or Ben?" We hope these new covers are as helpful to you as they have been to us!

ITEM! Attention, Marvelites! The time has come to rectify a most egregious error! Your blushing Bullpen is big enough to admit that it made a mistake – one that has lingered for more than three decades! That's right – this long-standing faux pas dates back to the very first story featuring the mighty **THOR – JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY #83** (August, 1962), to be exact!

It seems that for more than a generation, the wrong inker has been credited with embellishing that timeless classic! Now, by the will of **All-Father ODIN** – and our Esteemed Editor in Chief, **Bartholomew HARRAS** – let the truth be known! In sooth, 'twas **JOLTING** **JOE SINNOTT**, Lord of the legendary **Ink Giants**, who applied his brush to that legendary isle! We'd like to apologize to Joe for the error – as we always say, it's a "sin not" to give credit where credit is due! (We can't prove it, but it sounds like **LOKI**, the god of mischief, had his hand in there somewhere!)

EDITORIAL PROFILE: JAYE GARDNER FRECKLE-FACED AND SINISTER

ALSO KNOWN AS: Well, **MARK POWERS** (X-office editor) calls me "Jaye Sinister." I can't understand it!

BOOKS HE EDITS: **DAREDEVIL**, **SILVER SURFER**, **ALPHA FLIGHT**, **X-MAN**, **NEW MUTANTS** special, **X-MAN** bookshelf and an incredible **X-MAN** inventory. I'm sure it'll be great – once I get a chance to read it!

THE KIND OF SURFER HE REALLY IS: I mostly surf the **National Geographic** and **Discovery Channel**. Plus, **TERRY KAVANAGH**'s got me addicted to **Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe**, **Psi-Factor** and other **X-Files**-type shows.

MOST DAREDEVIL-ESQUE ACT EVER PERFORMED: I was strangled by an elephant at **Sea World** when I was six years old – and that's no lie! Its trunk was hairy!

FIRST JOB EVER: I had a paper route for seven years. Seven years! My parents wouldn't let me quit!

WORST JOB EVER: See above. But it did teach me



responsibility. Thanks, Mom and Dad!

HOW HE GOT THE GREAT JOB HE HAS NOW: At thirteen, I decided that I was going to work for **Marvel**, so and behold, after two internships, I was hired into the sales department!

FUTURE PLACES TO LOOK FOR JAYE'S NAME: On my billboard team's plaque, as most valuable player!

LAST TIME HE TURNED ON THE TV HE WATCHED: *Frasier*.

NEXT TIME HE TURNS ON THE TV HE'S HOPING TO SEE: *The Knots Landing* reunion! It was only the best nighttime soap of the '80s!

AN ABSOLUTE SLAVE TO: Editorial Planner **Andy Ball's** maniacal scheduling whims!

EVEN IF HE LIVED TO BE A HUNDRED YEARS OLD AND LOST HIS TEETH, HIS MEMORY, AND THE ABILITY TO FORM A COHERENT SENTENCE, YOU'D KNOW HIM BY HIS: Cheery nature, of course! And his freckles!

STAN'S SOAPBOX!

H Heroes! Your letters keep pouring in! I didn't realize there was such a huge demand for my scholarly answers to the burning issues of **Marveldom**! Or, maybe it's the worldwide lust for a priceless **No-Prize**!

B ut let's cut to the chase. **Jazzy Jimmy Dysart** of **Provo, Utah**, today's first letter writer to be enshrined in the **Marvel No-Prize Hall of Fame**, plaintively asks, "What's the current status of the *Spider-Man* movie?"

Originally, "*Spider-Man*" was supposed to be produced by **Carloco Films**, but, in typical **Marvel** bad-luck fashion, of **Carloco** went belly-up. Recently **MGM** took over the deal and now we're waiting to see how loud the lion'll roar. We're still hoping that **Jim Cameron** will write and direct the movie after the dust settles. So stay tuned, hear?

A nd now, we segue over to **Daring Derek Fridolfs**, who's about to become the most envied man in his hometown of **Fresno, California** when he receives his fully-equipped **No-Prize**. **Derek** desperately asks, "If you were given the chance to write a *Marvel* comic again, which would you like a shot at?"

I always dug **THOR**, **DOCTOR STRANGE** and **THE SILVER SURFER**, because they speak differently than the others. It was a kick to toss in pony phrases like "Thou shalt pay most awesomely for hitting my thumb royal with thy clumsy hammer!" Or "By the Hoary Hosts of Hoggoth, would that I knew how to spell **Dormammul**" and, of course, "To me, my board! If all else fails, my power cosmic shall find us a parking space!" But seriously, if I had the time I'd love to write 'em all – I really miss my little customized cavers more than I can say!

W ell, that's it for now. Remember to keep your queries coming, and parents – do you know where your **No-Prize** is tonight? Excelsior!

Stan Lee
Stan Lee

Got a question for Stan? Memorize this, then destroy it before CD finds it:

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